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HONEY PLANTS

Fall Offering 1950

You can brighten up that Bee-yard by planting in the corners and unused spots attractive plants which will maintain themselves and will be humming with bees. Some nectar flow at these times helps to keep your bees in prime condition to make the most of the major flows.



PELLETT GARDENS

ATLANTIC, IOWA

BRIGHTEN UP YOUR BEE-YARD

Special offer for fall planting; our best fall blooming honey plants.

These are well known honey plants known to maintain themselves in proper environment. Set them this fall. Just dig the grass away from the spot where you plant; water if necessary so that moisture conditions will be right; mulch at the time the ground begins to freeze the first winter to prevent heaving; keep the weeds hoed out from them to get started next spring and from then on they should take care of themselves.

SIMPSON HONEY PLANT or Figwort

This fall blooming plant is well noted for it's rich store of nectar. The flowers are small and not showy but the plant as a whole is interesting and can be counted on to be humming with bees. It blooms late summer and fall and furnishes weeks of steady work for the bees when most other bloom has dried up. Grows from three to five feet tall — sun or partial shade. Natural range — Colorado eastward to Maine and south to the Gulf. Also West coast.

GOLDEN HONEY PLANT or Wingstem

August bloomer, good late source of nectar. Grows four to seven feet tall with yellow flowers. Will grow in open sun or partial shade — prefers sheltered locations. Natural range is fertile soil and woodland borders, Iowa, Missouri and eastward.

NEW ENGLAND ASTER

This is the most ornamental of the wild asters. It grows four to five feet tall and blooms in late fall with showy purple flowers. Natural range — Iowa and eastward, adaptable to wide range of climate.

Good strong plants or divisions of these three easy to grow, good fall honey plants.

Prices postpaid:

ONE EACH OF THE THREE FOR \$1.00.

5 OF ONE KIND FOR \$1.00.

10 OF ONE KIND FOR \$1.75.

5 EACH OF THE THREE FOR \$2.75.

10 EACH OF THE THREE FOR \$4.85

Order now — we will ship after first heavy freeze, usually late October.

NEW FORAGE CROPS

WAGNER FLAT PEA

(*Lathrus silvestris*)

We have the best stock of seed we have ever been able to secure of this unusual, heavy producing, long lived forage crop. Slow starting and requires very special care the first season — we know of stands that are 40 years or more old. Very heavy producer of forage and high in protein content. Ask us for reprint "Wagner Pea."

Seed, 1 lb. \$2.00; 5 lb. \$9.00; 10 lb. \$17.50; Postpaid and including can of the proper inoculant.

25 lb. upwards at \$1.50 per lb., not prepaid.

BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL

(*Lotus Corniculatus*)

This fine long lived legume, especially desirable for permanent pastures, is gaining rapidly in popularity in much of the Northern half of the United States. Beekeepers who are looking for forage seed production to combine with bee-keeping may do well to consider this crop. Start with certified seed. Reports indicate that it is generally of value to the bees and a good source of nectar at least for some localities.

We handle Northeastern U. S. grown, Certified seed of Broadleaf variety of Birdsfoot Trefoil. We expect to have a fair supply of this seed for this winter, tho the price is not set yet for this year's crop. The supply of certified seed in most years is not sufficient to meet the demand so we hope you will write us early in the game. Expect that by November we will be in position to deal with you.

Ask us for the reprint "Birdsfoot Trefoil."

PELLETT CLOVER

(*Trifolium ambiguum*).

This very unusual clover spreads rapidly from rhizomous roots, filling the soil with very heavy root growth and making good top growth as well. It blooms in June and July and the blossoms have short corolla so that the nectar is readily accessible to honeybees. This is a most interesting plant for your trial and one which should be very useful once some difficulties in it's adaptation can be overcome.

Ask us for the reprint "That New Clover Again."

Start with live plants. Root divisions: 25 for \$2.00; 100 for \$5.00; 250 for \$10.00; Postpaid. Shipping season, late fall, winter and spring up to May 1st.

EVERFLOWERING LOCUST

(*Robinia Semperflorens*)

At last we have an everblooming tree. These trees have bloomed all summer long, at times a little and at times a lot but all the time in bloom, beginning in May and continuing through the months of June and July and most of August. This is something unique since we know of no other tree which blooms over an extended period. It is rapid growing and will make a good sized tree in only a few years. This would be worthwhile to add to your planting if only for the novelty. But if you are acquainted with Black Locust you will know how well the bees work the flowers during the short blooming period in spring; and we expect this selection which blooms all summer to be a boon to many a bee-yard. Makes a quick growing windbreak. We have some grown 10 to 12 feet tall in two years.

Ask us for the reprint "Everflowering Locust."

This is our first offering of the Everflowering Locust and we have only a limited number of trees for delivery early next spring. These are large heavy trees, 5 to 7 foot size, usually bloom first season. We will not ship these until early spring but you may place your order now while they are unsold.

Large trees (5 to 7 ft size) each \$2.75; 3 for \$7.00; by express, not prepaid.

NEWLY GRAFTED LITTLE TREES OF EVERFLOWERING LOCUST.

If you want to grow your own trees write us early for prices of this newly grafted material. We will make available as many as we can this winter in lots of 25 or more at a special price. On fertile soil and with good moisture conditions they should grow into trees 5 feet or more in one season. Recommended only if you will follow simple directions rigidly.

The greater the succession of nectar plants present throughout the season — the more bees there will be to perform the essential service of pollination of the fruits and flowers, gardens and fields of your neighborhood. This is of a law of nature — think it over.

SEEDS FOR FALL PLANTING

We have found that late fall is a good time to plant the seeds of most of our perennial honey plants. This should be done during the last month before freezeup (November in our climate). This puts the seed into the ground when it is too late for it to germinate this fall and so the seed will be there ready to start during the most favorable time of cool weather and good moisture conditions of early spring. Furthermore it is both enjoyable and invigorating to get out and work in the garden in those cool days of late autumn. And this will be something already done when spring comes and most people are busier. In the deep south a good time to plant these seeds is mid-winter.

Make the seedbed as you would for planting any kind of small seeds. Regarding depth of planting, a fair rule to follow is to plant any seed at a depth of four times the thickness of the seed. Remember that with very small seed that is almost on top of the ground. And it is alright to plant the finer seeds on top of a well worked seedbed and they will work into the soil during the winter or the seed can be covered very lightly by raking. When you have finished planting the seed, if your soil is inclined to crust following winter, then scatter a little straw or other loose material over the seedbed to serve as a very light mulch to prevent this crusting and the surface drying out next spring while the seeds are starting.

We find that late fall as described above is a good time for planting the seed of the following good honey plants. You may order any of these seeds by the packet. Some we have also by the ounce as noted.

The following seeds:

ANY 6 PACKETS FOR \$1.00.

ANY 14 PACKETS FOR \$2.00.

(can be one each of the 14 varieties.)

Giant Hyssop	Wild Aster Mixture
Garden Hyssop	Wild Indigo
Purple Loosetrife	Chapman Honey Plant
Nepeta Nuda	Nepeta Grandiflora
Mountain Mint $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	\$1.00, Ounce \$3.00.

Anise Hyssop, Ounce \$2.00 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$5.00.

Catnip (nepeta cataria) ounce 75c.

Golden Honey Plant 2 ounces \$1.00, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$3.00.

Simpson Honey Plant ounce \$1.00.

Motherwort, ounce \$1.00.

Above prices all postpaid.

SEED COLLECTION OFFER

SOMETHING IN BLOOM ALL SEASON

I. NECTAR LEGUME FORAGE CROPS.

(For you to get acquainted with all of the best we know in forage crops which are good for bees).

10 liberal packets of seed for \$1.00, postpaid.

One packet each of Birdsfoot Trefoil, Wagner Flat Pea, Sainfoin, Ladino Clover, Hairy Vetch, Strawberry Clover, New Madrid Sweet Clover, Evergreen Sweet Clover, Hubam (annual) sweet clover, common sweet clover.

II. ATTRACTIVE UNUSUAL NECTAR PLANTS for BEE GARDEN and FLOWER GARDEN.

6 packets unusual seed for \$1.00, postpaid.

One packet each of Mountain Mint, Anise Hyssop, Meadow Sage, Sea Holly, Oriental Hollyhock (this hollyhock bears nectar). Garden Hyssop.

III. NECTAR PLANTS FOR UNUSED LAND.

(Also of interest in the garden).

8 packets of seed for \$1.00 postpaid.

One packet each of Golden Honey Plant, Simpson Honey Plant, Catnip, Motherwort, Purple Loosestrife (for wet land), Phacelia, Lespedeza Bicolor, Horehound.

ALL THREE COLLECTIONS FOR \$2.75 POSTPAID.

The above plants described in our regular 1950 catalogue. If you do not have it, ask for a copy.

NECTAR BEARING ELM

(*ulmus parvifolia*)

This Asiatic species may well serve the purpose as an ornamental, small to medium size shade tree and provide an additional source of nectar. Our more common elms bloom in early spring and are attractive to the bees for pollen. This one blooms in late summer, usually September. It is reported as yielding nectar freely in central Missouri and to be swarming with bees at a time when there is little honey coming to the hive from other sources. It is an attractive, nicely shaped tree little known to this country.

Plant them this fall, anytime before the ground freezes up. Leave a mound of dirt around the base of the tree until spring to prevent heaving.

Order now — we will begin shipping after first freeze, usually late October.

Strong, well rooted little trees, one to two foot size — Each \$1.00, three for \$2.50, postpaid.

HANDY ORDER BLANK

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Date _____

PELLETT GARDENS

Atlantic, Iowa

Please send the following to:

I enclose \$ _____.

Items	Quantity Wanted	Amount
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PLANTS

Simpson Honey Plant	_____	\$ _____
Golden Honey Plant	_____	\$ _____
New England Aster	_____	\$ _____
or all 3, no. of each	_____	\$ _____

NEW FORAGE CROPS

Wagner Flat Pea Seed	_____	\$ _____
Pellett Clover Root divisions	_____	\$ _____

EVERBLOOMING LOCUST

Trees 5 to 7 ft	_____	\$ _____
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SEEDS FOR FALL PLANTING

List those wanted:

or one packet seed each of the

14 for \$2.00	_____	\$ _____
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OF SEED

No. I	_____	\$ _____
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No. II	_____	\$ _____
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No. III	_____	\$ _____
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All three	_____	\$ _____
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NECTAR BEARING ELM	_____	\$ _____
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TOTAL AMOUNT	_____	\$ _____
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Any special instructions, write on separate sheet.

We try to send out only good seeds and plants and we use much care to keep our varieties pure and true to name. However, since results also depend upon such factors as soils, climates, weather, knowledge and skill of the purchaser etc., over which we have no control, we cannot in any way be responsible for the crop. It is mutually agreed that our liability in any instance is limited to the original purchase price. **PELLETT GARDENS, Atlantic, Iowa.**

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